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Work and Workers

The congregation at Homerville has already elected its delegates to the Ohio State Conference.

Brother Summers continues busy in the Master's field gathering sheaves for his coming Lord. In his communication this week he reports two accessions to the class at La Paz, Indiana.

Brother Z. T. Livengood, Lanark, Ill. writes: Brother S. H. Bashor dropped in on us Friday evening April 11, and remained over Saturday and preached very acceptably for us on Sunday morning to a large congregation.

The two Acrostics in the Home Department of this issue by Brother Beer, with Brother Cassel and his departed companion as the subjects will be appreciated, not by himself and friends alone, but by all the readers of the paper.

Brother Miller, Goshen, Indiana, who recently came to our people from the Christian or Disciple church, expresses himself as well pleased with the change in the church relationship which he has made and now offers his services to any congregation in need of a pastor.

Brother Lyon reports two more accessions to the Washington class. Our brother is having some very practical experience in real service, an experience it would do many another pastor good if he could have. We are glad to know that Brother Lyon is both physically and spiritually qualified for such work.

The Young People's Society of Milledgeville, Ill., has undertaken to raise \$40 for the Chicago church fund, a worth object indeed. That they will succeed goes without saying, for these people seldom undertake anything which they do not accomplish. We know of other societies in the church who could easily do the same thing if they would; then we know of others that would if they could.

Brother Gillin's Notes, tho always interesting, are especially so this week. It is very generous in him, and we trust the church fully appreciates his generosity, in giving us the benefit of his large experience and close observation in the first city of the land. Tho not now a pastor yet thru the columns of the EVANGELIST Brother Gillin is talking to a much larger audience than it is the privilege of any pastor.

It is confidently expected, and not without good grounds, that the coming Ohio State Conference to be held at Ashland June 5 and 6, will be the largest and the best the Brethren have ever held in the State. However, that we may not be disappointed, pastors should begin the agitation now and keep it up until the time of the Conference. The date is a happy one, being just at the close of

the Commencement exercises of the College, it will give our people an opportunity to attend both the Conference and the Commencement exercises. We look for a large attendance and an excellent Conference.

Last week the Prudential Committee sent personal letters to pastors requesting them to collect from their congregations something toward the insurance for the College buildings, the premium of which must be paid not later than May, 10. It is to be hoped that all pastors who have received this personal letter will give their congregations an opportunity to contribute to this fund.

Brother Darling, who about six months ago went to California, is meeting with both favor and success in his work as State Evangelist. He reports 25 accessions as the result of his labors thus far, and writes hopefully for the future of the Brethren cause in that State. Seemingly Brother Darling enjoys his labors in the new field to which he has been called, and we hope the Lord will grant him continued health and make him yet more useful in the service to which he has consecrated his life.

Sometime ago reference was made in these columns to the question of rebaptism, the German Baptist people having re-baptized a young lady who had been received into fellowship with the Brethren. We have learned since then that these same people have rebaptized one of their own number, a young lady who had been baptized and received into the church and afterwards disfellowshipped; when she returned and asked to be received into the church again, the German Baptist Elder re-baptized her.

Bryan, Ohio, and Aurelia, Iowa, are looking for pastors. They are not the only congregations in need of a shepherd. Would that it were so, but it is not. Brethren, this need will continue until Ashland College will supply it, and this once more argues the importance of a more generous support, with both your men and money, of our educational institution. If you want to give money to the Lord where it will do the most good invest it in Ashland College and it will be doing good years after you have passed away from the earth.

Who will be the next to say something about our next National Conference? We should like to know how Brother Lichty, Falls City, Nebraska is succeeding in his project to bring several car loads of people to Winona from the Kanemorada district. The program a skeleton of which has already been published in this paper, should now be published in full, and those whose duty it is to put the meet on the skeleton should be about their business at the earliest possible date. Let us not delay in this matter.

In this issue of the paper the reader will find reports of the dedication of the new church at Moxham, by Brethren Bowman and Haskins. The meeting conducted by Brother Bowman in the Moxham congregation prior to the dedication resulted in 14 accessions, most of whom are heads of families and property holders. But is not one soul as precious as another in the sight of God? Yes, all souls are alike precious in the sight of God, but not necessarily alike valuable so far as service for the Master is concerned. When the man of giant intellect consecrates himself to the Master it may mean much more than the consecration of one who does not possess such intellectual strength. Was not the conversion of Saul of Tarsus a greater triumph for Christianity than the conversion of one of those on Pentecost? Who shall say but

that the conversation of Saul to Christianity meant more for the kingdom of God on earth than the conversion of the entire 3,000 on the day of Pentecost? A consecrated rich man can do more for God and humanity than a consecrated poor man tho his reward will not be any greater.

Brethren Byers and Braker on last Sabbath met with splendid success in their effort to collect State missionary money, the former raising his full apportionment at Louisville and a little more; the latter at Ankenytown and North Liberty. That is right, brother pastor, talk straight Bible straight at the people and they will always do their straight duty. When some one complained to a Scotch lady that he is unable to resist the temptations of Satan, she said, "Try him with a text, he can na stand that and will flee from it." The lady was right. Bible truth wins. If you want your people to do their duty talk Bible to and at them.

We are in a receipt of a circular from Rev. G. Helme, Dexter, Maine, announcing a convention of the Triune Immersion Adventists to be held at that place beginning April 17, 1902, and continuing over the following Monday, April, 21. The circular announces that the annual ordinances of the church will be observed Monday evening, according to the scriptures. These we understand include footwashing which these people hold in common with us a church ordinance. Brother Cassel is expected to be at this Conference and he will report thru the columns of the EVANGELIST of the nature of the work and note the points of similarity between these people and the Brethren church.

In his communication Brother Haskins reports four accessions to the Johnstown church. In another part of the city a church property has recently been purchased and preparations are being made for regular services at that place. We are much interested in the visit of Brother Haskins with some of the Brethren to the new mining town looking after the Father's business. Why not? Wherever men and women gather together for the purpose of material gain there is a field for religion to play her divinest part. Where a corner store can flourish on the lower wants, surely near by a church or mission station should stand to meet man's highest need. If Lydia can find sale for her purple and fine linen in populous Philippi, Paul knew that there too was a good place and large room to offer to naked souls the robes of Jesus' righteousness every thread of which is dyed in the crimson of the cross. And so if men and women find it profitable to invest of their material things in the new coming town, why should not the gospel find a profitable field there also? Take all the lots the projectors of the new town offer you, Brother Haskins, and let the Brethren unfold and lift high the banner of salvation.

Quiet Observer

Few other passages in Old Testament prophecy bespeak so beautifully God's solicitous care for his children as do the tender words of the prophet Malachi found in the sixteenth and seventeenth paragraphs of the third chapter of his book. "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one with another: and the Lord harkened and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, in the day that I do make,